

We surrender a portion of our space to-day to the paper of the day on the subject of this war. It has been much gratified in business circles, and it seems to be the opinion of our most practical and best informed citizens that sooner or later the world is destined to be accomplished.

Of the practicability of the plan proposed by Mr. Gindles-

er we will regard the history of his com-

munity, which will probably be a diversity of opinion among scientific men. Years ago

we left below, W. E. Ogden, Esq., while

of to Paris, wrote a series of articles on this subject, which attracted much attention at the time.

Mr. Ogden's plan was to make a

deep cut through Mud Lake to the Des Plaines

River, the bed of which stream was to be ex-

cauted for a sufficient distance from the point

at which it rises to give a direct and practi-

cal outlet to the Mississippi.

The plan was constructed at the time

by William Gooley, Esq., Chief Engi-

nier of the Illinois and Michigan Canal,

chiefly on the ground that the cost of

the work would be so great as to render it

not only impracticable, at least

out of all proportion to the benefits to be de-

rived. We have since been informed, though

not by the gentleman himself, that Mr. Good-

ley's views on this subject have somewhat

changed, and that he now regards the scheme

with more favor.

As intimately affecting the future of our city

and the prosperity of the extensive region of

which this question is concerned, I have

endeavored to give a brief account of the

plan, and to call your attention to its practi-

cality and its value as it stands.

Now that the subject is again brought

prominently before the public, it would greatly

serve to fully discuss it.

The columns of the Press and Tribune will be

opened to consider articles by compet-

ent men.

A CAPITAL HIT.

It was a highly appropriate thing, almost

in fact, on the part of the Honorable

Cale Cushing, to invoke the spirit of Calum-

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Indeed, that it is the present

moment when the two former ingredients

are clearly distinguished from the Democratic

party, upon its platform at no

distant day. Twenty years have passed, and

we find seven States threatening to secede

from the party unless its principle made

the Democratic creed of the nation, and eight

more declare through their State Conven-

tions that it is the undoubted right of the

slaveholders to carry their slaves into all the

Territories, and to hold them by the power

Federal encroachments and Federal bayonets!

In a word, while the flowers of ten sum-
mers have been blossoming upon his grave, he
has been advancing upon the South. He now
rises in his covenants to conquer the Democ-
racy of the nation. Mr. Cushing did well
to bid him welcome.

Whether the Convention at Charleston shall

adopt the Calhoun platform, or nominate a

Calhoun ticket makes no difference. The
result is the same. A Calhoun Supreme

Court already controls one branch of the Gov-

ernment. If the Charleston nominees shall be

elected in November next, Calhoun will be

entombed at Washington, and the law of al-

ways will be the master of the nation.

It was a very singular act of Mr. Calhoun's

pointing to the states of the Carolinas and

giving his word to a National Democratic

Convention—a very palpable fit.

STEP IN THIS DIRECTION.

We are informed that the Illinois Central

and G. & C. O. roads have decided upon open-

ing a line of steamboats upon the Mississippi

river, to run as a daily line between Dubuque

and St. Paul, in connection with these roads.

This measure was adopted in consequence of

the Minnesota Packet Company having entered

into a contract with the LaCrosse

and Milwaukee Road, and the boats in con-

nection with those roads, Prairie du Chien

and St. Paul. This last road, in connection

with the others, had no railroads.

These were the plowmen roads to the Min-
nesota and they have built up and sustained

the Minnesota Packet Company, until they felt

not only able to go, but to burst their

their skins and friends.

The arrangement will not only insure con-

nection between the roads and boats at Dubuque

but will give immediate dispatch to pas-

senger and freight to all points on the

Prairie du Chien.

For the most important features of this line, if carried out, is that

it is to connect with the St. Louis roads

and thus give a direct route to the Mississip-

pi and the Great Lakes.

It is to be hoped that the

arrangement will not only insure con-

nection with the roads that terminate in

Chicago.

We are entirely willing she should share

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What we propose is that we should

all unite in securing the entire trade of the

Upper Mississippi for the cities of the lakes,

and whatever we undertake in the right spirit

will be accomplished.

The identity of St. Louis for the pur-

pose of this plan is the first point.

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